In the Claims:

1. (previously amended) A housing for receiving an optical fiber having a receptacle for the optical fiber, the housing comprising:

a retention member being made of the same material as the housing and initially supported in a pre-assembly position over the receptacle on the housing; and

the housing having guide projections along which the retention member is displaceable, the guide projections are beveled such that the retention member is fixed by clamping when inserted.

2. (original) The housing according to claim 1, wherein the retention member is formed integrally with the housing.

3. (previously amended) The housing according to claim 1, wherein the retention member further comprises teeth disposed on a surface of the retention member for engaging the optical fiber.

4. (original) The housing according to claim 1, wherein the retention member further comprises a receptacle for receiving a plunger of an assembly tool.

5-6. (cancelled)

7. (original) The housing according to claim 1, further comprising a tubular insertion aid formed as an extension into the receptacle.

8. (currently amended) The housing according to claim 1, wherein the housing comprises two receptacles, into which two optical fibers are respectively insertable substantially parallel to one another and the optical fibers are fixable by means of the same retention member.

9. (previously amended) An optical connector comprising:

a housing having at least one receptacle which is open to a first side and open to a second side thereof;

a fiber being received through the first side into the receptacle;

a retention member being received from the second side into the receptacle and being in engagement with the fiber to retain the fiber within the receptacle;

at least one frangible web supporting the retention member in the housing so that the retention member is displaceable in a direction normal to the fiber; and

the housing having guide projections along which the retention member is displaceable.

10. (previously amended) The optical connector according to claim 9, wherein the retention member is integrally formed with the housing in a pre-assembled position over the second side of the receptacle.

11. (previously amended) The optical connector according to claim 10, wherein the retention member is joined to the housing by the at least one frangible web.

12. (previously amended) The optical connector according to claim 9, wherein the retention member further comprises teeth disposed on a side thereof in engagement with the optical fiber.

13. (previously amended) The optical connector according to claim 9, wherein the retention member further comprises a second receptacle for receiving a plunger of an assembly tool.

14. (cancelled)

15. (previously amended) The optical connector according to claim 9, wherein the guide projections are bevelled such that the retention member is frictionally fixed when inserted into the receptacle.

16. (previously amended) The optical connector according to claim 9, further comprising a tubular insertion aid formed as an extension into the receptacle.

17. (previously amended) The optical connector according to claim 9, wherein the housing comprises two receptacles into which two optical fibers are insertable substantially parallel to one another and secured in the receptacle by the same retention member inserted from the second side.

18. (previously added) The housing according to claim 1, wherein the retention member is supported in the pre-assembly position by a frangible retaining web.

19. (previously added) The housing according to claim 2, wherein the retention member and the housing are moulded from plastic.

20. (previously amended) The optical connector according to claim 9, wherein the housing, the retention member, and the frangible web are made from the same material.

21. (currently amended) A housing for receiving an optical fiber having a receptacle for the optical fiber, the housing comprising:

a retention member formed integrally with the housing and initially supported in a pre-assembly position over the receptacle of the housing by at least one frangible web that is severable from the housing to completely separate the retention member from the housing when the retention member is displaced into an assembly position; and

guide projections along which the retention member is displaceable.

22. (previously added) The housing according to claim 21, wherein the retention member includes teeth disposed on a surface of the retention member for engaging the optical fiber.

23. (previously added) The housing according to claim 21, wherein the retention member includes a receptacle for receiving a plunger of an assembly tool.

24. (cancelled)

25. (currently amended) The housing according to claim ~~24~~21, wherein the guide projections are beveled such that the retention member is fixed by clamping when inserted.

26. (previously added) The housing according to claim 21, further comprising a tubular insertion aid formed as an extension into the receptacle.

27. (previously added) The housing according to claim 21, wherein the housing includes two receptacles into which two optical fibers are respectively insertable substantially parallel to one another and the optical fibers are fixable by means of the same retention member.